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RABAT FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON; DELIVER AMBASSADOR
OPENING OF BUSINESS

DAMASCUS FOR SCOTES

OTTAWA FOR EAGLEBURGER WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, MO

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO KING HASSAN

REF: SECTO 99; RABAT 2758

1. FOR RABAT. IN DELIVERING KING'S MESSAGE TO ME IN
DAMASCUS (PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S SCHEDULES MADE
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO RECEIVE IT PERSONALLY),
BAKKALI WAS QUITE SPECIFIC IN SAYING REPLY SHOULD BE
CONVEYED TO HIM IN DAMASCUS FOR DELIVERY TO KING.
THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU HAVE ALREADY DELIVERED MESSAGE
SECTO 99 OR OTHERWISE HAVE OVERRIDING REASONS
FOR DOING SO, I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE PASSED THROUGH
BAKKALI, WHICH HE TOLD ME WERE HIS INSTRUCTIONS FROM
KING. PLEASE INFORM DAMASCUS DIRECT, INFO TO EAGLEBURGER
AND ME, HOW YOU HAVE HANDLED MATTER.

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2. FOR DAMASCUS. UPON CONFIRMATION FROM AMBASSADOR

NEUMANN THAT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOT RPT NOT DELIVERED
IN RABAT, YOU SHOULD PASS TO BAKKALI THE MESSAGE IN
PARA 3 BELOW FROM THE PRESIDENT TO KING HASSAN. IF
AMBASSADOR NEUMANN IS DELIVERING IT IN RABAT, YOU
SHOULD PROVIDE TEXT TO BAKKALI, SAYING THAT IN INTERESTS
OF TIME AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF APPOINTMENT AMBASSADOR
NEUMANN HAD REQUESTED WITH KING ON ANOTHER MATTER,
WE ASKED HIM TO DELIVER REPLY IN RABAT BUT WANTED HIM
TO HAVE TEXT IMMEDIATELY AND TO THANK HIM AGAIN FOR
HIS UNDERSTANDING OF TIME PRESSURES WHICH MADE IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO RECEIVE
MESSAGE PERSONALLY IN DAMASCUS.

3. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR MAJESTY:

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING YOUR TRUSTED
EMISSARY, MR. AHMAD A. BAKKALI, TO DELIVER YOUR MESSAGE
TO ME IN DAMASCUS. YOUR WARM SENTIMENTS ARE DEEPLY
APPRECIATED, AND I REGRET THAT THE FULL SCHEDULE
ARRANGED FOR US IN DAMASCUS PREVENTED BOTH SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND ME FROM RECEIVING HIM PERSONALLY.

IT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME TO HAVE TO DEFER
OUR PLANNED MEETING IN JUNE. I AM SURE, HOWEVER, THAT
YOUR MAJESTY FULLY UNDERSTANDS WHY IT WAS IMPORTANT
FOR ME TO MOVE QUICKLY TO CONSOLIDATE WHAT HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AS A BASIS FOR FURTHER
EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE CONDITIONS FOR A JUST AND
DURABLE PEACE. YOUR MAJESTY WILL ALSO APPRECIATE THE
LIMITS ON THE TIME BETWEEN THE ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT AND MY TRIP TO MOSCOW WHICH IS ALSO IMPORTANT
TO OUR GOAL OF BUILDING A STRUCTURE OF PEACE.

I SHARE YOUR MAJESTY'S DESIRE FOR A MEETING AS
EARLY AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR INTEREST
IN RESCHEDULING YOUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES FOR
DECEMBER AND OF YOUR VERY GENEROUS INVITATION TO ME
TO VISIT MOROCCO IN CONNECTION WITH MY TRIP TO MOSCOW.
I SHALL REPLY AS SOON AS I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
REVIEW MY SCHEDULE IN WASHINGTON.

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AS ALWAYS, YOUR MAJESTY, I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR
THOUGHTFULNESS AND PLEASED AT YOUR INITIATIVE IN
PROPOSING WAYS OF RESCHEDULING OUR MEETING. I
SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN AND WILL BE
IN TOUCH WITH YOU PROMPTLY.
SINCERELY,
RICHARD NIXON

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